

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-14. (canceled).

Claim 15. (currently amended) A duct assembly comprising:

- (a) ~~the slip collar of claim 10~~ a slip collar comprising (i) a tubular outer wall portion, (ii) a tubular inner wall portion, (iii) an intermediate portion disposed between the tubular outer wall portion and the tubular inner wall portion, (iv) a first slot region defined by the tubular outer wall portion and the tubular inner wall portion, and (v) a second slot region defined by the tubular outer wall portion and the tubular inner wall portion, wherein each of the tubular outer wall portion, the tubular wall inner portion, and the intermediate portion comprises a fiber reinforced plastic material, and wherein the first and second slot regions face away from each other, and wherein the slip collar is an integral, one-piece structure;
- (b) a first duct including a first end inserted into the first slot region; and
- (c) a second duct including a second end inserted into the second slot region,
wherein the first duct and the second duct each have a constant diameter from end to end.

Claims 16-26. (canceled).

Claim 27. (currently amended) ~~The slip collar of claim 1~~ duct assembly of claim 15 wherein the tubular outer portion includes apertures, and wherein set screws are disposed in the apertures, and wherein the first and second ducts also comprise a fiber reinforced plastic material.

Claim 28. (currently amended) ~~The slip collar of claim 27~~ duct assembly of claim 15 wherein the tubular inner wall portion comprises a chemically resistant material and the tubular outer wall portion comprises a fire-resistant material.

Claim 29. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar of claim 10~~ duct assembly of claim 15, wherein the tubular outer portion includes apertures, and wherein set screws are disposed in the apertures, and wherein the tubular outer wall portion comprises a cured phenolic resin.

Claim 30. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar~~ duct assembly of claim 29 wherein the tubular inner wall portion comprises a chemically resistant material and the tubular outer wall portion comprises a fire-resistant material.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar of claim 1~~ duct assembly of claim 29 wherein a thickness of the outer wall portion is between about 3/16-inch to about 1-1/2 inches.

Claim 32. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar of claim 10~~ duct assembly of claim 29 further comprising a first adhesive composition in the first slot region and a second adhesive composition in the second slot region, and wherein a thickness of the outer wall portion is between about 3/16-inch to about 1-1/2 inches.

Claim 33. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar of claim~~ duct assembly of claim 32 wherein the inner wall portion and the outer wall portion comprise different polymeric materials.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar of claim 1~~ duct assembly of claim 32 wherein the inner wall portion and the outer wall portion comprise different materials, and wherein the slip collar is free of metal.

Claim 35. (currently amended) The ~~slip collar of claim 10~~ duct assembly of claim 32 wherein the inner wall portion and the outer wall portion comprise different materials, and wherein the duct assembly further comprises set screws passing through the outer wall portion, wherein the set screws secure the slip collar to the first duct and the second duct.

Claim 36. (new) A duct assembly comprising:
a slip collar comprising (i) a tubular outer wall portion, (ii) a tubular inner wall portion, (iii) an intermediate portion disposed between the tubular outer wall portion and the tubular inner wall portion, (iv) a slot region defined by the tubular outer wall portion and the tubular inner wall portion, wherein the tubular outer wall portion, the tubular wall inner portion, and the intermediate portion all comprise a fiber reinforced plastic material, and form an integral one-piece structure; and
a duct comprising a first end, wherein the first end of the duct is inserted into the slot region, and wherein the duct has a constant diameter from the first end to a second end of the duct.

Claim 37. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the tubular inner wall portion comprises a chemically resistant material and the tubular outer wall portion comprises a fire-resistant material.

Claim 38. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the slip collar has only one slot region.

Claim 39. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the tubular inner wall portion is shorter than the tubular outer wall portion.

Claim 40. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the tubular inner wall portion comprises a fluoropolymer material.

Claim 41. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the inner wall portion comprises a cured vinyl ester resin and the outer wall portion comprises a cured phenolic resin.

Claim 42. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 further comprising an adhesive composition in the slot region.

Claim 43. (new) The duct assembly of claim 42 wherein the adhesive composition comprises a novalac or an epoxy resin.

Claim 44. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the slip collar is free of a metal.

Claim 45. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the fiber reinforced plastic material comprises chopped strand mat.

Claim 46. (new) The duct assembly of claim 36 wherein the slip collar is formed first, and after the slip collar is formed, the first end of the duct is inserted into the slot.

Claim 47. (new) The duct assembly of claim 15 wherein the slip collar is formed first, and wherein after the slip collar is formed, the first end of the first duct is inserted into the first slot region and the second end of the second duct is inserted into the second slot region.